IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIAN

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FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIAN

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JOHN RANDALL FUTCH,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
$oldsymbol{v}_{oldsymbol{\cdot}}$		Civil Action No.
HOUSEHOLD BANK, N.A., RUST CONSULTING, INC., and	) )	CV407-109
BRIAN STRANGE,	)	
Defendants.	<i>)</i> )	

#### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Defendant Rust Consulting, Inc. ("Rust") respectfully files this Notice of Removal from the State Court of Chatham County, Georgia, to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, Savannah Division. Rust shows the Court as follows:

1. This action was commenced on May 1, 2007 by the filing of a Complaint in the State Court of Chatham County, Georgia. On July 25, 2007, Rust filed its answer in the State Court. A true and correct copy of the Complaint, Answer, and other pleadings, process and orders served on Rust in this action, are attached hereto as Exhibit 1. In the Complaint, Plaintiff seeks compensatory and

punitive damages related to a claim he submitted in a class action filed in a California state court.

- 2. This removal is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) because it has been filed within thirty (30) days after service on Rust of Plaintiff's initial pleading setting forth his claims for relief.
- 3. Defendant Household Bank, N.A. ("Household") has thirty days from the date it was served to consent to this removal. See, e.g., Adams v. Lederle

  Labs., 569 F. Supp. 234, 243 (D. Mo. 1983).
- 4. Defendant Brian Strange ("Strange") has not been personally served with a summons and copy of the complaint, therefore, he is not required to consent to this removal. See Murphy Bros., Inc. v. Michetti Pipe Stringing, Inc., 526 U.S. 344, 347-49 (1999) (holding a defendant has no duty to file a notice of removal without formal service); Jones v. Houston Indep. Sch. Dist., 979 F.2d 1004, 1007 (5th Cir. 1992) (holding a defendant cannot join in a removal petition if he is not served).
- 5. As set forth below, the Court has diversity of citizenship jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) because the alleged cause of action brought by Plaintiff against Defendants is a suit between citizens of

different states, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

- 6. Complete diversity of citizenship exists between Plaintiff and Defendants.
- 7. Plaintiff is a citizen of Georgia. Currently, Plaintiff is a prisoner incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Pekin, Illinois. <u>See Compl.</u> ¶ 1, p. 2, Ex. 1. Prisoners retain their pre-incarceration citizenship. <u>Polakoff v. Henderson</u>, 370 F. Supp. 690, 693 (N.D. Ga. 1973), <u>aff'd</u> 488 F.2d 977 (5th Cir. 1974). Before Plaintiff's incarceration, he was, and thus remains, a Georgia citizen.
- 8. Defendant Rust, a corporation, is, and was at the time of commencement of this action, a citizen of Minnesota. See Compl. ¶ 2, p.1, Ex. 1. Rust is incorporated under the laws of Minnesota, and its one principal place of business is located in Minnesota.
- 9. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1348, Defendant Household is a citizen of Nevada because Household is, and was at the time of the commencement of this action, a national banking association with its main office in Nevada. Wachovia Bank v. Schmidt, 546 U.S. 303, 126 S. Ct. 941, 945, 163 L. Ed. 2d 797, 803 (2006).

- 10. The matter in controversy in this case exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs. Plaintiff's Complaint includes a demand for judgment for \$425,000.00 from each Defendant. See Compl. ¶ (b). 1
- 11. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 are copies of all pleadings, process and orders served on Rust to date in this action.
- 12. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), a copy of this Notice of Removal shall be filed promptly with the Clerk of the State Court of Chatham County, Georgia, and is being served on Plaintiff.
- 13. The United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia is the court embracing the State Court of Chatham County, the court where Plaintiff filed this action. For the purpose of removal, venue therefore is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 90(c)(3) and 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

WHEREFORE, Rust prays that the Court assume jurisdiction over this action from the State Court of Chatham County, Georgia, and that this action shall

Rust denies all liability and denies that Plaintiff is entitled to or will recover damages in any amount. Rust does not concede or admit that, if liability were found, the amount of such liability would exceed \$75,000.00 for each Defendant or that Plaintiff's damages calculation methodology is in any way proper. Rust provides the figures in this Notice solely to demonstrate that the "matter in controversy," judged by the alleged (but unproven and disputed) facts in the Complaint, meets the jurisdictional requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

proceed as removed under this Court's jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(a) and 1441(b).

Respectfully submitted this 26+16 day of July, 2007.

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Counsel for Defendant Rust Consulting, Inc.

## EXHIBIT 1

## IN THE STATE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JOHN RANDALL FUTCH	•			
Plaintiff,	•			maria. Santan
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#### COMPLAINT

NOW COMES, John Randall Futch (Plaintiff) herein and file his Complaint showing the Court as follows:

- 1. Defendant Household Bank is a resident of Cook County, Illinois and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court. The Defendant may be served with this Complaint, Summons, and Process at 1301 E. Tower Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173.
- 2. Defendant Rust Consulting, Inc. is a resident of Hennepin County, Minnesota and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court. The Defendant may be served with this Complaint, Summons, and Process at 625 Marquette Avenue, Suite 880, City of Minnesota 55402.
- 3. Defendant Brian Strange is a resident of Los Angeles, County and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court. The Defendant may be served with this Complaint, Summons, and Process at 12100 Wilshire Boulevard, 19th Floor, Los Angeles, California

90025.

- 1. The Plaintiff John Randall Futch, is incarcerated in the Federal Correctional Institution, Pekin, Illinois, P.O. Box 5000, Pekin, Illinois 61555.
- 2. Household Bank, located at 1301 E. Tower Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173 is a company involved in offering personal revolving credit to customers. Household Bank entered into a contract with the said Plaintiff within the County of Chatham, The State of Georgia, and subsequently a national class action suit was filed against the said defendant "Household Bank for fee disputes.
- 3. Rust Consulting, Inc., is located at 625 Marquette Avenue, Suite 880, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402. As was a claim said administrator for Household Bank in connection with a national class action lawsuit wherein a fee disputes was the core of the action.
- 4. Brian Strange of 12100 Wilshire Blvd, 19th Floor, Los Angeles California 90025 is a lawyer who was to represent the class in connection with the class action.
- 5. The Plaintiff learned of the class action, and filed a claim in 2004.
- 6. The Plaintiff received no response to his filed claim and then sought to inquire of the status.
- 7. The Plaintiff received communications from Defendant Strange indicating he was qualified for a claim.
- 8. The Plaintiff next received a letter from the Defendant
  Strange indicating that payments were made to qualified accounts,

and those who sought payments by mail, those checks would be forthcoming.

- 9. Defendant Strange admitted in his letter that the payments from the class-action were <u>automatic distribution</u> to qualified accounts.
- 10. The Plaintiff contacted the Defendant Strange and sought information about his claim, when he didn't receive payment or check.
- 11. Plaintiff Strange asserts that the "Plaintiff did not submit the required documentation and the claim was denied.
- 12. Defendants Strange, Rust Consulting, and Household Bank committed fraud wherein, the plaintiff was erroneously overcharged fee's in violation of his contract with household. Rust Consulting, Inc and Brian Strange committed fraud, wherein the Plaintiff filed a timely claim, and was never informed of any defects until it was past date to amend or cure any alleged defects so that he could recover his damages.
- 13. The Plaintiff further asserts that the Defendants Household Bank, Brian Strange, Rust Consulting, Inc. conspired to deny his claims and the relief thus committing a second act of fraud.

#### WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF PRAYS:

- (a) That process issue terms of law requiring the Defendants answer this complaint in a timely manner.
- (b) That the Plaintiff have and recover in compensatory damages in the amount of \$25,000.00 and punitive damages in the

amount of \$400,000.00 from each defendant.

(c) That Plaintiff have such other and further relief as is just and proper in law or equity.

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P.O. Box 5000 Pekin, Illinois 61555-5000

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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Occasionally cardmembers have difficulty reading the Customer Service phone number printed on the back of their credit card. Please take a moment to compare the Customer Service phone number on this statement with the number on the back of your card and keep a record of the phone number on this statement if the number on the back of your card is flegible.

#### CARDMEMBER NEWS

Claim your Cardmember Reward today! As a valued Cardmember, you are entitled to receive a fine Lanox China Bud Vase. See the enclosed letter for your Reward Certificate.

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From:

"Boevers, Sue" <SBoevers@rustconsulting.com>
"Jit Hood" <JHood@LinkLine.COM>
Monday, February 13, 2006 7:50 AM
RE: Shea v. Household To: Sent:

Subject:

We have a invalid form on file, no documents were attached to support the claim.

----Original Message-

From: Jili Hood [mailto:JHood@LinkLine.COM] Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 10:40 AM

To: Boevers, Sue

Subject: Shea v. Household

Dear Sue:

Can you please check on the status of the following claim: John Randall Futch Federal Correctional Institution P.O. Box 725 Edgefield, SC 29824

Thank you.

Jill Hood, Paralegal STRANGE & CARPENTER 12100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1900 Los Angeles, California 90025 (310) 207-5055

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January 25, 2007

#### VIA U.S. MAIL

FILE NO.

LEGAL MAIL

John Randall Futch 08700-021 Federal Correctional Institution P.O. Bex 5000 Pekin, IL 61555

Re: Shea, et al. v. Household Bank (SB), National Association Class Action
Settlement

Dear Mr. Futch:

Thank you for contacting our office regarding the above-referenced class action settlement. We are pleased to inform you that the automatic credit portion of the distribution to qualified accounts has taken place. Qualified accounts with balances received a credit to the account. For qualified class members who will be receiving a settlement check by mail, those checks are expected to be mailed next week, and expected to be completed by January 31, 2007. For accounts that did not receive an automatic credit, but qualify for a recovery of less than \$1.00, the recovery will be donated as a cy pres award to a designated charity as ordered by the Court, unless the class member requested the recovery by calling a toll free number at the time notice was sent. The recovery per account varies depending on the activity of each account. We do not have the amounts of each class member's recovery. There are over 22.3 million accounts that qualified for a finance charge award; almost 3.3 million accounts that qualified for a late fee award; and over 1,400 accounts that qualified for a overlimit fee claim.

Please feel free to contact our office with any further questions.

Very truly yours,

STRANGE & CARPENTER

Jill Hodd

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February 16, 2007

#### VIA U.S. MAIL

LEGAL MAIL

John Randall Futch 08700-021 Federal Correctional Institution P.O. Box 5000 Pekin, IL 61555

Re: Shea, et al. v. Household Bank (SB), National Association Class Action

Settlement

Dear Mr. Futch:

This will respond to your January 25, 2007 letter regarding the above-referenced class action settlement. The claim administrator received your claim form. However, you did not submit the required supporting documentation and your claim form was therefore deemed invalid. Thus, your account did not qualify for a refund and a settlement check was not mailed to you. Please feel free to contact our office with any further questions.

Very truly yours,

STRANGE & CARPENTER

Brian R. Strange

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February 22, 2007

Brian Strange Attorney At Law Strange & Carpenter 12100 Wilshire Boulevard, 19th Floor Los Angeles, California 90025

#### VIA U.S. LEGAL MAIL

Re: Shea, et al.v. Household Bank (SB), National Association Class Action Sattlement

Dear Mr. Strange:

I am once again writing with regards to the above matter.

As you are aware, I have sent numerous correspondence to your office. In addition, I have made every attempt, to get paid in the above-referenced action.

As of this date, I have yet to receive anything from the settlement administrator. In which, has left me no other kind of alternative.

Enclosed please find a complaint file with regards to the fact, I have yet to receive any payments. I have also included a statement from my account whereas theres proof of late fee's etc.

Once again, if and when your office elects to contact the settlement administrator payments can be sent to:

> John R. Futch 08700-021 Bureau of Prisons P.O. Box 474701 Des Moines 50947

Thank you I await your reply.

I am,

Sincerel

John Randay

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c: California State Bar

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March 2, 2007

#### VIA U.S. MAIL

FILE NO.

LEGAL MAIL

John Randall Futch 08700-021 Federal Correctional Institution P.O. Box 5000 Pekin, IL 61555-5000

Re: Shea, et al. v. Household Bank (SB), National Association Class Action
Settlement

Dear Mr. Futch:

This will respond to your February 22, 2007 letter regarding the above-referenced class action settlement. The claim administrator received your claim form. However, the claim form was deemed invalid because you did not submit the required supporting documentation. You will not be receiving a settlement check because either your account did not qualify for settlement recovery or your recovery was less than \$1.00 and will be donated as a cy pres award to a designated charity as ordered by the Court. In order to have redeemed any recovery of less than \$1.00, you would of had to call a toll free number and request such at the time notice was sent in 2004. Please feel free to contact our office with any further questions:

Very truly yours,

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Brian R. Strange

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March 5, 2007

#### VIA U.S. MAIL

FILE NO.

LEGAL MAIL

John Randall Futch 08700-021 Federal Correctional Institution P.O. Box 5000 Pekin, IL 61555-5000

Re: Shea, et al. v. Household Bank (SB), National Association Class Action Settlement

Dear Mr. Futch:

This will respond to your February 26, 2007 letter regarding the above-referenced class action settlement. My letters to you dated January 25, 2007 and February 16, 2007 do not contradict one another and are not misleading. My January 25, 2007 letter sets forth information for accounts that may qualify for settlement recovery. That letter does not state that your account qualified for settlement payment. My February 16, 2007 letter states the same as my March 2, 2007 letter to you, your claim form was deemed invalid because you did not submit the required supporting documentation with your claim form. Although you enclose a copy of your credit card statement with your February 26, 2007 letter, the deadline to submit a claim form and the required documentation was November 18, 2004. It is too late to submit a copy of your credit card statement.

Your February 26, 2007 letter states you are waiting for the settlement administrator's address. The settlement administrator's address was in the notice and is as follows: Household Claims Administrator, P.O. Box 1712, Faribault, MN 55021-1712.

Please feel free to contact our office with any further questions.

Very truly yours,

STRANGE & CARPENTER

Brian R. Strange

IN THE State COU	RT OF Chatham	COUNTY
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John Randall Futch	<b>)</b>	
Plaintiff, v. Household Bank Rust Consulting, Inc. Brian Strange.	) CIVIL ACTION 1	NO. STCV 0701748
Defendant.	<b>. .</b>	

#### AFFIDAVIT OF POVERTY

Personally appeared before an authority duly authorized to administer oaths, the undersigned, who being put upon oath, deposes and says that:

- 1. He/She is the (Plaintiff/Defendant) in the foregoing setton.
- 2. He/She is financially indigent and is without adequate financial resources to pay the costs of this action.
- 3. That without being able to proceed in forms pauperis he/she will not be able to pursue this action.

The foregoing statements are true and made under oath and populity of perjury if untrue.

Signature of Plaintiff/Defendant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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Notary Public

Sandra L. Tudela Notary Public, State of Hilinois

Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 02/10/2010

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Counsel or Party

## In The State Court of Chatham County, Georgia 133 MONTGOMERY STREET, SUITE 308, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401

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This 15 day of May 200_2	CLERK OF COURT  State Court of Chatham County
Deputy Clerk, State Court of Chatham County Georgia	Brian K. Hart, Clerk State Court Room 308 Chatham County Courthouse Savannah, Georgia 31461

## IN THE STATE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JOHN RANDALL FUTCH,	
Plaintiff,	STCV07-01748 GI
vs.	CIVIL ACTION NO: 📐 📴
HOUSEHOLD BANK, RUST CONSULTING, INC. and BRIAN STRANGE,	
Defendants.	

#### ORDER ON PLAINTIFF'S PRO SE FILING AND REQUEST TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 9-15-2(d) and 42-12-5(b), the Court has examined the Plaintiff's petition for civil action and request to proceed in forma pauperis. Based upon the Court's review, it cannot be said "that the pleading shows on its face such a complete absence of any justiciable issue of law or fact that it cannot be reasonably believed that the court could grant any relief against any party named in the pleading." O.C.G.A. § 9-15-2(d). Said complaint is therefore APPROVED for filing.

The Clerk is hereby ordered to file the same. Further, the Clerk shall insure that the Plaintiff provides all required forms for filing and shall furnish the Sheriff with sufficient copies for service.

In addition, after having reviewed the Plaintiff's request to proceed in forma pauperis and the accompanying affidavit, said request is DENIED. Notice is hereby given that this civil action will be dismissed without prejudice if the filing fees are not paid within thirty (30) days of the date of this order.

SO ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ May

H. Gregory Fayle, Judge State Court of Chatham County, Georgia

John Randall Futch, Plaintiff Clerk of Court

### IN THE STATE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

JOHN RANDALL FUTCH

Plaintiff,

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HOUSEHOLD BANK RUST CONSULTING, INC. BRIAN STRANGE

Defendants.

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### MOTION FOR SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT OUTSIDE STATE

NOW COMES John Randall Futch, (Plaintiff) herein and files this "Motion For Service of Summons Outside of State" as follows:

- 1. This action is for fraud, as is more fully shown in the Complaint attached hereto.
- 2. The Defendant "Brian Strange" is located and can be served at 12100 Wilshire Boulevard, 19th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90025.
- 3. The period of thirty days is reasonable within which the Defendant (Brian Strange) should be required by summons served upon them to answer and appear to defend this action.

WHEREFORE ALL THE REASONS this plaintiff prays that this Court issue an order demanding the same.

This 13th day of March, 2007

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Randall Futch

## IN THE STATE COURT OF CHATHTAM COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JOHN RANDALL FUTCH

Plaintiff,

Case No. STCV 0701748

v.

HOUSEHOLD BANK'
RUST CONSULTING, INC.
BRIAN STRANGE

Defendants.

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MOTION FOR SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT OUTSIDE STATE

NOW COMES John Randall Futch, (Plaintiff) herein and files this "Motion For Service of Summons Outside of State" as follows:

- 1. This action is for fraud, as is more fully shown in the Complaint attached hereto.
- 2. The Defendant "Rust Consulting, Inc." is located and can be served at 625 Marquette Avenue, Suite 880, Minneapolis, MN 55402.
- 3. The period of thirty days is reasonable within which the Defendant (Rust Consulting, Inc.) should be required by summons served upon them to answer and appear to defend this action.

WHEREFORE ALL THE REASONS this plaintiff prays that this Court issue an order demanding the same.

This 13Hday of March, 2007.

## IN THE STATE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JOHN RANDALL FUTCH

Plaintiff, : Case No.

V. : STCV 0701748

Household Bank : Rust Consulting, Inc.
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### MOTION FOR SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT OUTSIDE STATE

NOW COMES John Randall Futch, (Plaintiff) herein and files this "Motion For Service of Summons Outside of State as follows:

- 1. This action is for fraud, as is more fully shown in the Complaint attached hereto.
- 2. The Defendant "Household Bank" is located and can be served at 1301 E. Tower Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173.
- 3. The period of thirty days is reasonable within which the Defendant (Household Bank) should be required by summons served upon them to answer and appear to defend this action.

WHEREFORE ALL THE REASONS this plaintiff prays that this Court issue an order demanding the same.

This 134day of March ,2007.

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### IN THE STATE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNDY MAY 24 AM 10: 27 STATE OF GEORGIA

Brian N. Hart

JOHN RANDALL FUTCH,

Plaintiff.

Givil Action No. STCV07-01748-GI

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HOUSEHOLD BANK RUST CONSULTING, INC. BRIAN STRANGE,

Defendants.

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS WITH A CORRECTED AFFIDAVIT

COMES NOW John Randall Futch (Plaintiff) herein and files this it's "Motion For Reconsideration To Proceed In Forma Pauperis With a Corrected Affidavit" and says the following:

- (1) Plaintiff has submitted a corrected affidavit pursuant to 42-12-5 and the clarks request (Mr. Hart).
- (2) Plaintiff says that his complaint is with good cause.
- (3). Plaintiff says that if he cannot proceed with his motion being granted it will cause irreparable injury.

WHEREFORE ALL THE REASONS Plaintiff moves this Court for an ORDER that he be allowed to proceed in forma pauperis.

This 10 day of

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John Randall Futch

## IN THE STATE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

John Rendall Futch Patitioner		
08700-021 Civil Action No.		
vs. Household Bank Rust Consulting Inc. Brian Strange		
Brian Strange Respondent		
REQUEST TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS		
I, John Randall Futch , depose and say that I am	the plaint:	iff
in the above entitled case; that in support of my req	uest to pro	oceed
without being required to prepay fees, cost or give s	ecurity the	erefor
that I believe I am entitled to redress.		
I further swear that the responses which I have made	to question	ns
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1. Are you presently employed? no	e e e	
2. Have you received within the past twelve months a	ny money	
from any other sources?		
Business, profession or form of self-employment?	no	
Pensions, annuities or life insurance payments?	по	
Rent payments, interest or dividends?	<u>πο</u>	
Gifts or inheritances?	no	•
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3. Do you own any cash or do you have money in a che	cking or	
savings account? (Include funds in prison account	.s)	
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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I have this day deposited a true copy of the same "Motion For Reconsideration To Proceed In Forma Pauperis With a Corrected Affidavit into the U.S. mail with adequate postage to:

Household Bank P.O. Box 3198 Salias, CA 90136 Rust Consulting P.O. Box 7750 Fairbault, MN 55387

Brian Strange 12100 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90025

This 30 day of Apr. 1,2007.

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IN THE STATE COURT OF CHATHAM	COUNTY PARTOGRAM
STATE OF GEORGIA	78 <sup>n3</sup> ; 1-7 Fit 3: Ne

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JOHN RANDALL FUTCH, Plaintiff,	) )
vs.	) CIVIL ACTION NO: STCV0701748-GI
HOUSEHOLD BANK, RUST	)
CONSULTING, INC. and	j
BRIAN STRANGE,	).
Defendants.	<b>)</b>

#### ORDER ON PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION ON HIS REQUEST TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Pending before the Court is the Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration to Proceed in Forma Pauperis. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 9-15-2 and 42-12-5, the Court has examined the Plaintiff's request to proceed in forma pauperis and affidavit of indigency.

Based upon the Court's review of the Plaintiff's request to proceed in forma pauperis and the accompanying affidavit, and it appearing that the pauper's affidavit is proper, said request is GRANTED. The Clerk is hereby ordered to allow the Plaintiff to proceed in forma pauperis. The Clerk shall insure that the Plaintiff provides all required forms for filing and shall furnish the Sheriff with sufficient copies for service.

Plaintiff is hereby notified that the approval to proceed in forma pauperis shall not prevent the freezing of a prisoner's inmate account nor the forwarding of any future deposits into that account to the Court in accordance with the provisions of the Prison Litigation Reform Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-12-1 et seq.

day of SO ORDERED this \_\_

**z**, 2007.

H. Gregory Fowler, Judge State Court of Chatham County, Georgia

**Plaintiff** C; Clerk of Court

	F OF CHATHAM COUNTY
JOHN RANDALL FUTCH,	
Plaintiff,	න දැ
vs.	Civil Action No. STCV0701748GI
HOUSEHOLD BANK, ) RUST CONSULTING, INC., and ) BRIAN STRANGE, )	
Defendants.	
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Having considered Plaintiff John Randall Futch's Motion for Service of Summons and Complaint outside of State, this Court HEREBY ORDERS that Defendant Brian Strange be served with a copy of the summons and complaint in the above-captioned case in the same manner as service is made within the State of Georgia, by any person authorized to make service by the laws of the State of California or by any duly qualified attorney in the State of California.

SO ORDERED, this 2 day of June, 2007.

Judge Ronald E. Ginsberg

State Court of Chatham County

cc:

John Randall Futch, Pro Se

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JOHN RANDALL FUTCH,	Y. 8
Plaintiff,	)
vs.	Civil Action No. STCV0701748GI
HOUSEHOLD BANK, RUST CONSULTING, INC., and BRIAN STRANGE,	
Defendants. )	DONED

Having considered Plaintiff John Randall Futch's Motion for Service of Summons and Complaint outside of State, this Court HEREBY ORDERS that Defendant Household Bank be served with a copy of the summons and complaint in the above-captioned case in the same manner as service is made within the State of Georgia, by any person authorized to make service by the laws of the State of Illinois or by any duly qualified attorney in the State of Illinois.

SO ORDERED, this / day of June, 2007.

Judge Ronald E. Ginsberg State Court of Chatham County

John Randall Futch, Pro Se

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HOUSEHOLD BANK, ) RUST CONSULTING, INC., and ) BRIAN STRANGE, )			
Defendants. )			
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Having considered Plaintiff John Randall Futch's Motion for Service of Summons and Complaint outside of State, this Court HEREBY ORDERS that Defendant Rust Consulting, Inc. be served with a copy of the summons and complaint in the above-captioned case in the same manner as service is made within the State of Georgia, by any person authorized to make service by the laws of the State of Minnesota or by any duly qualified attorney in the State of Minnesota.

SO ORDERED, this Z day of June, 2007.

Judge Ronald E. Ginsberg

State Court of Chatham County

cc:

John Randall Futch, Pro Se

Brian K. Hart, Court Administrator Room 308, Chatham County Courthouse 133 Montgomery Street Savannah, Georgia 31401 (912) 652-7224

June 20, 2007

Thomas Dart, Sheriff 1401 Maybrook Drive Maybrook, IL 60153

Re: John Randall Futch

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Household Bank, Rust Consulting, and Brian Strange

Civil Action No. STCV07-01748GI

Please perfect service of the second original in the above case on:

HOUSEHOLD BANK 1301 EAST TOWER ROAD SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173

Please note service on the second original copy enclosed along with sheriff's entry of service and return to this office. No service fee is enclosed, as Judge Fowler, Chief Judge of State Court, allowed the plaintiff to proceed in forma pauperis.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Ann Beall Galletta

**Deputy Court Administrator** 

Enclosures

Brian K. Hart, Court Administrator Room 308, Chatham County Courthouse 133 Montgomery Street Savannah, Georgia 31401 (912) 652-7224

June 20, 2007

Hennepin County Sheriff Patrick D. McGowan 350 South Fifth Street, Room 6 Minneapolis, MN 55415

Re: John Randall Futch

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Household Bank, Rust Consulting, and Brian Strange

Civil Action No. STCV07-01748GI

Please perfect service of the second original in the above case on:

RUST CONSULTING, INC. 625 MARQUETTE AVENUE SUITE 880 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

Please note service on the second original copy enclosed along with sheriff's entry of service and return to this office. No service fee is enclosed, as Judge Fowler, Chief Judge of State Court, allowed the plaintiff to proceed in forma pauperis.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Ann Beall Galletta

Deputy Court Administrator

Enclosures

Brian K. Hart, Court Administrator Room 308, Chatham County Courthouse 133 Montgomery Street Savannah, Georgia 31401 (912) 652-7224

June 20, 2007

Marilyn Baker, Captain 5019 East Third Street Los Angeles, CA 90022

Re: John Randall Futch

Vs

Household Bank, Rust Consulting, and Brian Strange

Civil Action No. STCV07-01748GI

Please perfect service of the second original in the above case on:

BRIAN STRANGE 12100 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD 19<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90025

Please note service on the second original copy enclosed along with sheriff's entry of service and return to this office. No service fee is enclosed, as Judge Fowler, Chief Judge of State Court, allowed the plaintiff to proceed in forma pauperis.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Ann Beall Galletta

Deputy Court Administrator

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#### PERSONAL SERVICE, FOREIGN PROCESS

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF HENNEPIN STCV07-01748GI

JEFFERY J HAAS (88), being duly swom, deposes and says, 1 am a citizen and resident of said County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, over 21 years of age; not related to either of the within named parties, nor in any manner interested in said case; that I am a duly appointed, qualified and acting Deputy Sheriff of Hennepin County, Minnesota, that the hereto attached

EXHIBIT(S)

AFFIDAVIT OF POVERTY

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

**CERTIFICATE UNDER RULE 3.2** 

came into my hands for service on the 25th day of June, 2007 09:50 AM, and that at the City of MINNEAPOLIS, County and State aforesaid, on the 26th day of June, 2007 11:30 AM, I duly solved the above mentioned documents hereto attached upon the within named RUST CONSULTING INC at 625 MARQUETTE AVE # 880, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402 personally by then and there handing to, and leaving with said PAUL VOGEL, VICE PRESIDENT a true and correct copy thereof.

day of

RICHARD W. STANEK HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

Sheriff Fees:

JURAT \$5.00 NOTARY \$1.00 SERVICE \$35.00 TRAVEL \$1.20

TOTAL: \$42.20

Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minnesota

LINDA M. JOHNSON
Notary Public Minnesota
My Commission Expires Jan 57, 2010

Hennepin County Sheriff's Office 1 Patrick D. McGowan, Sheriff

invoice

6/26/2007 452044

350 South Fifth Street Accounting Division, Room 30 Minneapolls, MN, 55415

**OUT OF STATE (GA)** 

STATE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY ATTN: ANN BEALL GALLETTA 133 MONTGOMERY STREET #308 SAVANNAH, GA 31401

Index Number:

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Plaintiff:

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06-26-2007

JOHN RANDALL FUTCH

Type of Process:

**SUMMONS & COMPLAINT** 

Defendant:

HOUSEHOLD BANK

Date Received: 06/25/2007

Description:	Amount	Service Deposit
JURAT	5.00	
NOTARY	1.00	
SERVICE	35.00	
TRAVEL	1.20	
Total	42.20	0.00
Amount Refunded:		0.00
Amount Due: ( No Charg	)e )	0.00

#### NOTICE

- 1. Make checks payable to: Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.
- 2. Return this invoice with your remittance.
- 3. The Sheriff's records are filed according to the index number shown above. Please use this number
- 4. For information pentaining to this billing, please call (812) 348-6205 or (812) 348-2485.

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#### IN THE STATE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

Brian K. Hart

JOHN RANDALL FUTCH,

Case No. STCV07-01748-GI

Plaintiff,

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HOUSEHOLD BANK, RUST CONSULTING AND BRIAN STRANGE, NOTICE OF APPEAL

Defendants.

COME NOW John Randall Futch (Plaintiff) herein and files this "Notice of Appeal" and says the following:

The plaintiff hereby appeals the ORDER dated June 7, 2007 to the Georgia Court of Appeals. Nothing shall be omitted from the record.

The issue on appeal is as follows:

Plaintiff says that this Court lacks jurisdiction to notify the plaintiff that his account at the Federal Bureau of Prisons will be frozen pursuant to the Prison Litigation Act. Plaintiff says there is not one thread of evidence to support any finding whereas the State has jurisdiction to ORDER such. Plaintiff does not consent.

This 25 Hay of

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I have this day deposited a true copy of the same "Notice of Appeal" into the United States mail with adequate postage attached thereon to:

Spencer Lawton, ADA 133 Montgomery Street Savannah, Georgia 31401

This Is day of Jul ,2007.

P.O. Box 5000

Pekin, Illinois 61555-5000

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CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOM 808 SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 21401

BRIAN K. HART
COURT ADMINISTRATOR
May 2, 2007

PHONE NO. (912) 652-7224 FAX NO. (912) 652-7220

John Randall Futch, #08700-021 FCI Pekin Post Office Box 5000 Pekin, Illinois 61555-5000

Dear Mr. Futch:

We have received your civil lawsuit styled "John Randall Futch vs Household Bank, Rust Consulting, Inc., and Brian Strange." (Civil Action Number STCV07-01748GI) You did not include with your civil lawsuit the Court's filing fee in the amount of \$92.50 or fees incident to service of the lawsuit. In order to proceed as an indigent, Georgia law requires that you comply with O.C.G.A. § 42-12-5 [In Forma Pauperis Procedure; Contents and Service of Affidavit; Judicial Determinations]. The attorney or party filing the complaint will furnish the necessary service copies. On out of county services, the Court needs a second original and a copy of the second original for each service; a separate check to the sheriff for each service; and the address of the sheriff for each service.

A prisoner's affidavit of in forma pauperis must contain each of the following: 1) The prisoner's identity, including any and all aliases, and the prisoner's inmate number; 2) the nature and amount of any income as well as the source of that income; 3) real and personal property owned by the prisoner; and 4) cash and checking accounts held by the prisoner.

Further, your affidavit must contain a copy of your prisoner's inmate account of the last twelve months or the period of your incarceration, whichever is less. You must serve the affidavit, including all attachments, on the Court and all named Defendants.

O.C.G.A. Section 42-12-5 paragraph (a) provides that the failure by the prisoner to comply with this subsection shall result in a dismissal without prejudice of the civil action.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Hart

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Clerk of State Court



CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOM 308 SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401

BRIAN K. HART COURT ADMINISTRATOR

May 2, 2007

PHONE NO. (912) 652-7224 FAX NO. (912) 652-7229

Superintendent FCI Pekin Federal Correctional Institution Post Office Box 7000 Pekin, IL 61555

RE: Inmate:

JOHN RANDALL FUTCH

Immate Number:

08700-021

Civil Action No.:

STCV07-01748GI

JOHN RANDALL FUTCH

Vs.

HOUSEHOLD BANK, RUST CONSULTING,

INC., AND BRIAN STRANGE

#### Dear Superintendent:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 42-12-4, this letter is to notify you that the above referenced prisoner has filed a civil action in the State Court of Chatham County.

The amount of the court costs due and payable is \$92.50 to State Court. (Mr. Futch will have to find out the service fees on the services he has for Los Angeles, CA, Minneapolis, MN, and Schaumberg, IL).

The prisoner is seeking to proceed as an indigent prisoner and has filed a prisoner's affidavit of in forma pauperis.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 42-12-4(3)(B), please forward all court costs and fees from the monies deposited in the prisoner's inmate account, if any, until all court costs and fees are satisfied.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Hart

Clerk of State Court

Brea K. Hart

42-12-4. Payment from prisoner's inmate secount for cests and fees of action commenced by prisoner.

The following provisions shall apply when an indigent prisoner commences an action:

- (i) The indigent prisoner shall pay the current balance of funds in the prisoner's inmate account:
- (2) The clerk of court shall notify the superintendent of the institution in which the prisoner is incarcerated that an action has been filed. Notice to the superintendent shall include:
  - (A) The prisoner's name, inmate number, and civil action number; and
  - (B) The amount of the court costs and fees due and payable;
- (3) Upon notification by the clerk of court that an indigent prisoner has commenced an action, the superintendent shall:
  - (A) Immediately freeze the prisoner's immate account; and
- (B) Order that all moneys deposited into the prisoner's immate account be forwarded to the clerk until all court costs and fees are satisfied, whereupon the freezing of the account shall be terminated.



# THE STATE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHQUSE ROOM 308 SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401

BRIAN K. HART COURT ADMINISTRATOR

June 13, 2007

PHONE NO. (912) 652-7224 FAX NO. (912) 652-7229

Superintendent
FCI Pekin
Federal Correctional Institution
Post Office box 7000
Pekin, IL 61555

RE: Inmate:

JOHN RANDALL FUTCH

Inmate Number:

08700-021

Civil Action No.:

STCV07-01748GI John Randall Futch

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Household Bank, Ruse Consulting, Inc., and Brian Strange

#### Dear Superintendent:

The letter sent to you on May 2, 2007, from the State Court of Chatham County notified you of this civil action that was filed in State Court. The letter requested you to forward all court costs and fees from the monies deposited in the prisoner's inmate account until all court costs and fees were satisfied.

Pursuant to that action, Mr. Futch filed a "Motion for Reconsideration to Proceed in Forma Pauperts with a Corrected Affidavit" with State Court.

An order granting the plaintiff's motion to proceed in *Forma Pauperis* was signed by the Honorable H. Gregory Fowler, Chief Judge of the State Court of Chatham County, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

Therefore, Mr. Futch will be able to proceed with his litigation on this case in the State Court of Chatham County without court costs and fees. Your office does not need to forward any monies deposited in the prisoner's inmate account to State Court.

Sincerely,

Brian K, Hart

Clerk of State Court

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# IN THE STATE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JOHN RANDALL FUTCH,	<b>)</b>
Plaintiff, V.	) ) CASE NO. STCV 0701748
HOUSEHOLD BANK, N.A., RUST CONSULTING, INC., and BRIAN STRANGE,	
Defendants.	<b>)</b>

#### **ANSWER AND DEFENSES**

For its Answer to the Complaint of Plaintiff John Randall Futch, Defendant Rust Consulting, Inc. ("Rust"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, responds as follows:

# FIRST DEFENSE

Responding to the individually numbered paragraphs of Plaintiff's Complaint, Rust states as follows:

- 1. Rust is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of Paragraph No. 1, Compl. at 1, and therefore denies the same.
- 2. In response to Paragraph No. 2, Compl. at 1, Rust admits only that it is incorporated under the laws of Minnesota and that its headquarters are located in Minnesota.

  Rust expressly denies that it is subject to jurisdiction in Georgia. Any allegation not expressly admitted in response to Paragraph No. 2, Compl. at 1, is hereby denied.
- 3. Rust is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of Paragraph No. 3, Compl. at 1, and therefore denies the same.

- 1. Rust is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of Paragraph No. 1, Compl. at 2, and therefore denies the same.
- 2. Rust admits only that a national class action was filed against Defendant Household Bank, N.A. in a California state court. Rust is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of Paragraph No. 2, Compl. at 2, and therefore denies the same.
- 3. In response to Paragraph No. 3, Compl. at 2, Rust admits that Rust's corporate headquarters are located in Minnesota. Responding further, Rust admits that it is engaged in the business of administering claims for class action settlements and has served as claims administrator for Defendant Household Bank, N.A. in a national class action adjudicated by a California state court in the past. Any allegation not expressly admitted in response to Paragraph No. 3, Compl. at 2, is hereby denied.
- 4. Rust is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph No. 4, Compl. at 2, and therefore denies the same.
- 5. On August 23, 2004, Rust admits that it received a request to obtain a Claim Form at its Claims Administration Center in Minnesota with a return address of: John Randall Futch, Federal Bureau of Prisons, P. O. Box 474701, Des Moines, Iowa, 50947. Rust is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 5, Compl. at 2, and therefore denies the same.

The first three paragraphs of Plaintiff's Complaint are enumerated Paragraphs 1-3 on Page 1. On Page 2 of the Complaint, Plaintiff numbers his allegations starting again with Paragraph 1. This Answer conforms to Plaintiff's numbering system, but includes the Complaint's page numbers for clarity.

- 6. Rust is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 6, Compl. at 2, and therefore denies the same.
- 7. Rust is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 7, Compl. at 2, and therefore denies the same.
- 8. Rust is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 8, Compl. at 2-3, and therefore denies the same.
- 9. Rust is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 9, Compl. at 3, and therefore denies the same.
- 10. Rust is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 10, Compl. at 3, and therefore denies the same.
- 11. Rust is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 11, Compl. at 3, and therefore denies the same.
- 12. Rust denies that it committed any fraud with respect to any claims submitted by Plaintiff to Rust. Rust denies that Plaintiff filed a proper claim that would qualify him to relief under the California class action settlement. Rust is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 12, Compl. at 3, and therefore denies the same.
- 13. Rust denies that it conspired with Defendants Household Bank, N.A. or Brian Strange to deny Plaintiff's claims. Responding further, Rust denies that it committed any acts of fraud as to Plaintiff. Responding further, Rust states that it denied in good faith a claim by Plaintiff for failure to comply with requirements specified on the Claims Request Form. Any allegation not expressly admitted in response to Paragraph 13, Compl. at 3, is hereby denied.

In response to the unnumbered "WHEREFORE" paragraph following Paragraph No. 13, Compl. at 3-4, Rust denies all allegations contained therein and further denies that Plaintiff is entitled to any of the relief sought therein.

#### SECOND DEFENSE

The Complaint, and each cause of action thereof, fails to state a claim against Rust upon which relief can be granted.

#### THIRD DEFENSE

Rust is a foreign corporation, and is not subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

#### FOURTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrines of res judicata and/or collateral estoppel.

### FIFTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrines of laches and/or waiver.

#### SIXTH DEFENSE

There is no basis in law or fact for the imposition of punitive damages with respect to the Plaintiff's claims against Rust.

#### SEVENTH DEFENSE

Any award of punitive damages against Rust would violate the due process and equal protection provisions in the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Article I, § 1, ¶¶ 1-2 and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

#### EIGHTH DEFENSE

Without limiting the generality of the previous defense, an award of punitive damages against Rust in this case would violate its due process rights guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and by Article I, § 1, ¶ 1-2 of the Constitution of Georgia (1983) because: (1) such an award under Georgia law is not subject to a predetermined amount, such as a maximum multiple of compensatory damages or a maximum amount; (2) the standard of law in Georgia does not provide sufficient clarity for determining the appropriateness and the approximate size of the punitive damages award; (3) the jury is not, under Georgia law, adequately instructed on the limits of punitive damages imposed by the applicable principles of deterrence and punishment; (4) the jury is not expressly prohibited from awarding punitive damages, or determining the amount of an award of punitive damages, in whole or in part, on the basis of invidiously discriminatory characteristics, including the residence, wealth, status and identity of the defendant; (5) the jury is permitted to award punitive damages under a standard for determining liability for punitive damages that is vague and arbitrary and does not define with sufficient clarity the conduct or mental state that makes punitive damages permissible; (6) an award of punitive damages is not subject to trial court and appellate judicial review for reasonableness and for the furtherance of the legitimate purposes of such damages on the basis of objective standards; (7) an award of punitive damages in this action would have an impermissible extraterritorial effect; (8) Rust had no notice of or means of ascertaining whether, or in what amount, it might be subject to a penalty of punitive damages for the conduct alleged by Plaintiff in this case, which lack of notice was compounded by the absence of any adequate or meaningful standards as to the kind of conduct that might subject Rust to punitive damages or as to the potential amount of such an award; (9) an award of

punitive damages under Georgia law does not give cognizance to the comparability of the award to awards in other, similar cases; (10) an award of punitive damages in Georgia under Georgia's statute does not give adequate consideration to the proportionality of the punitive damages awarded to the alleged wrong done to Plaintiff; and (11) no provision of Georgia law or the Georgia punitive damages scheme provides adequate procedural safeguards consistent with the criteria set forth in State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Campbell, 538 U.S. 408 (2003), Cooper Indus., Inc. v. Leatherman Tool Group, Inc., 532 U.S. 424 (2001), BMW of N. Am., Inc. v. Gore, 517 U.S. 559 (1996), Pac. Mut. Life Ins. Co. v. Haslip, 499 U.S. 1 (1990), and Matthews v. Eldridge, 424 U.S. 319 (1976), for the imposition of a punitive award.

#### NINTH DEFENSE

O.C.G.A. § 51-12-5.1 violates the equal protection provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Georgia (1983), Article I, § 1, ¶ 2, with the result that the entirety of O.C.G.A. § 51-12-5.1 concerning punitive damages is void as unconstitutional.

#### TENTH DEFENSE

Any award of punitive damages against Rust would constitute an excessive fine, and fail to afford Rust the procedural safeguards prescribed in the Constitution of the State of Georgia, and the Fifth, Fourteenth and Eighth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

#### **ELEVENTH DEFENSE**

Insofar as the punitive damages award sought by Plaintiff seeks to impose punitive damages under Georgia law for conduct in other states, the award violates: (a) Rust's rights to due process under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, §1, ¶ 1 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia (1983); (b) the dormant or negative commerce

clause derived from Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution; (c) the Full Faith and Credit Clause of Article IV, Section 1 of the United States Constitution; (d) the requirement of the United States Constitution that a state respect the autonomy of other states within their spheres; and (e) the notion that a state has no legitimate concern in imposing punitive damages to punish a defendant for acts committed outside of the state's jurisdiction, as stated in State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Campbell, 538 U.S. 408 (2003), Cooper Indus., Inc. v. Leatherman Tool Group, Inc., 532 U.S. 424 (2001), BMW of N. Am., Inc. v. Gore, 517 U.S. 559 (1996), Pac. Mut. Life Ins. Co. v. Haslip, 499 U.S. 1 (1990), and Matthews v. Eldridge, 424 U.S. 319 (1976).

#### TWELFTH DEFENSE

Without limiting any previous defense, insofar as any punitive damages sought by Plaintiff are awarded, such punitive damages may not exceed the sum of substantial compensatory damages that may be awarded to Plaintiff, as to do so would violate Rust's due process rights guaranteed by Article I, §1, ¶1 of the Constitution of Georgia (1983).

#### THIRTEENTH DEFENSE

Without limiting any previous defense, insofar as any punitive damages sought by Plaintiff are awarded, such punitive damages may not exceed the sum of substantial compensatory damages that may be awarded to Plaintiff, as to do so would violate Rust's due process rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution as applied in State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Campbell, 538 U.S. 408 (2003), Cooper Indus., Inc. v. Leatherman Tool Group, Inc., 532 U.S. 424 (2001), BMW of N. Am., Inc. v. Gore, 517 U.S. 559 (1996), Pac. Mut. Life Ins. Co. v. Haslip, 499 U.S. 1 (1990), and Matthews v. Eldridge, 424 U.S. 319 (1976).

#### **FOURTEENTH DEFENSE**

Rust asserts that venue is improper in this case.

#### FIFTEENTH DEFENSE

Rust reserves the right to assert or plead any additional defenses that may arise or become available in the course of this litigation.

Respectfully submitted this 23 Hday of July 2007

R. Clay Ratterree

Georgia Bar No. 595312

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Counsel for Defendant Rust Consulting, Inc.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing **Answer and**Defenses of Defendant Rust Consulting, Inc. was served via United States first class mail addressed to Plaintiff, proceeding pro se, and all counsel of records as follows:

Mr. John Randall Futch Federal Correctional Institution PO Box 5000 Pekin, Illinois 61555

This 25th day of July, 2007.

ELLIS, PAINTER, RATTERREE & ADAMS LLP

R. Clay Ratterrée State Bar No. 595312

Attorney For Defendant Rust Consulting, Inc.

PO Box 9946 Savannah, GA 31412 912.233.9700

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE**OF REMOVAL was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, upon all counsel of record on this <a href="24">24</a> day of July, 2007, addressed as follows:

Mr. John Randall Futch Federal Correctional Institution P.O. Box 5000 Pekin, Illinois 61555

R. Clay Ratterree

Counsel for Defendant Rust Consulting, Inc.